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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 17th August, 2022

No. 2617-Agri. II (I)-2022/5108.— Whereas the State Government is of the opinion that the sale, stock distribution and use of insecticides indicated in the Table given below, is not in the interest of Rice growers in view of the reasons recorded below; namely :-

- (i) that there is a risk of higher pesticide residues than Maximum Residual Level (MRL) fixed by the competent authority in the rice grains on account of use of these agro-chemicals;
- (ii) that a concerted campaign was launched during last year under which farmers were made aware about the hazards of such chemicals to human beings. In addition, awareness was also created amongst the pesticide companies as well as dealers against the use of such chemicals on Basmati rice in Haryana;
- (iii) that the Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) made the request to State Government to take action like ban or restriction on use of specific pesticides like Tricyclazole (TCA) which are found as residues most commonly in the Basmati rice or atleast imposing temporary ban on use of Tricyclazole during the current Kharif season.
- (iv) the quality of Basmati rice is very crucial for its export to foreign countries and the price of Basmati rice in the market accruing to the farmers is also dependent on the quality of the grain. In addition, the safety of the grain to the human beings is of paramount importance in the agro eco-system;

In view of the above, it is imperative to prohibit the sale, stock, distribution and use of the insecticides indicated in the Table given below, on rice crop in the State, being potential constraint in export and consumption of rice, especially Basmati rice; and whereas, the alternatives to the said insecticides, which are low in residue effect, are available in the market.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 27 of the Insecticide Act, 1968 (Central Act No. 46 of 1968), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to prohibit the sale, stock, distribution and use of all types of formulations of the insecticides, indicated in the Table given below, in the State of Haryana for 60 days including Basmati, from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette namely:-

Sr. No.	Name of Insecticide
1.	Acephate
2.	Buprofezin
3.	Carbendazim
4.	Chlorpyriphos
5.	Methamidophos
6.	Propiconazole
7.	Thiamethoxam
8.	Tricylazole
9.	Profenophos
10.	Isoprothiolane

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